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**Amendments to the Specification:**

Please replace paragraph [0020] with the following amended paragraph:

[0020] The first step in the present method after parameter initialization is to parse the  
5 header 1 of a frame and determine if an error check field 2 exists. An audio\_data field 3 is  
decoded next followed by the first decision point in the method. If the parameter W is  
greater than or equal to the predefined threshold C(~~Jason: Fig 2 is incorrect, please  
amend~~), the audio\_data 3 of the frame is decoded and outputted without error check  
protection. This allows an MP3 file lacking error checkfields or an MP3 file with  
10 unrecognizable error check fields to be properly decoded and played.